



# Critter Chatter



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## **EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS DELIGHTED WITH HOLIDAY ADOPTIONS!**



Anne Wilson, Pauline Morris, Ann Workman and Laurie Jones Prepare for the December 15, 2001 "Adopt-a-thon"

Saturday, December 15, 2001, Volunteers and Staff at the Davis County Animal Shelter donned their "Adoption" hats and joined with "No More Homeless Pets" of Utah, in an Adoption Marathon. The December 15<sup>th</sup> event wrapped up the Marathon, which began on November 11, 2001. The emphasis of the program is to find homes for "unwanted", "abandoned" pets, and get them established into loving homes. Each pet is required to be spayed or neutered, and a prospective Owner is carefully screened to ensure that the animals are being placed into Caring, loving homes. This year's event was a spectacular success. 138 animals were adopted. 78 dogs and 60 cats spent the holidays at home with

loving Caring families! Our hats are OFF to our Adoption Staff



Adoption Specialist, Anne Wilson prepares an "Excited Kitten" to Head home for the Holidays!



This smile says it all, as Ann Workman presents this pet to an anxious new owner.



Excitement filled the air, as guests were treated to tasty treats, provided by "No More Homeless Pets" of Utah.

## ***DON'T LET THAT COLD NOSE FREEZE***

During these cold winter months, when we very often experience sub-zero temperatures, it is even more important that we take a few extra steps to ensure the safety and comfort of our “outdoor” friends. Here are a few tips to make your pet a little more comfortable.

1. Be sure your pet has a **WARM DRY** place to sleep. If you are using an outdoor run, be sure the run has a doghouse, or some types of shelter to keep your pet dry during stormy weather.
2. Replace bedding regularly, replacing wet or frozen blankets those that are clean, warm and dry.
3. Make sure the door to the shelter is covered to keep wind and snow from blowing inside. This can be accomplished by attaching a heavy canvas over the opening. Your pet can still get in and out, but wind and snow cannot.
4. Increase food by 1/3 to compensate for the extra calories that are used to keep warm. Often pets lose weight during winter months, and this weight loss makes it even more difficult to stay warm. Be sure to use a good quality, high protein food.
5. Provide a constant supply of **FRESH WATER!** Ice and snow are not sufficient!
6. Be sure that your Pet has been treated for internal Parasites. (worms) These pesky little critters can really add stress to small animals, **ESPECIALLY** in cold weather when all those extra calories are needed.
7. Apply Vaseline or Baby Oil to the pads of your dog's feet. This will help prevent cracking caused by cold temperatures and ice.
8. Be sure to keep “Antifreeze” is a safe place. The sweet taste and aroma are enticing to dogs and cats and if ingested, the results are **DEADLY!**

## **GIVE ME SHELTER FROM THE COLD!**



During extra cold, windy winter months, remember, even large animals, such as horses and cattle, should be provided with extra feed and some sort of shelter against Cold Cutting Winter Winds! A board fence, a lean-to an old shed or even a group of trees will help to protect against the winter elements and prevent added stress on large animals. A little extra grain or high protein hay will help compensate for the extra calories burned during cold weather to keep warm. Large animals need good “parasite” control also! A clean and constant supply of water is vital. Horses and Cattle cannot eat enough snow to keep them adequately hydrated. Pay special attention to portable watering buckets and troughs. During cold winter weather they freeze in a few short hours.

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## ***WATER AND YOUR HORSE***

One of the most common complaints we receive during winter months is that of “frozen” water buckets. Did you know that your horse requires a **CONSTANT SUPPLY** of **FRESH WATER** year round? While hot weather increases the emphasis on a fresh, clean and constant supply, we often forget that horses also need plenty of water in cold weather. If adequate water is not available to aid in the digestion of food, intestinal blockages occur which can result in Colic. Horses require up to four gallons of water for every pound of dry feed that is eaten. Equal to approximately 15 gallons of water per day. During cold weather, water supplies should be closely monitored to make sure the supply is not frozen. It is not possible for a Horse to eat enough Snow, to remain properly hydrated.

Cleanliness of the water supply is very important too. If it doesn't look "good enough to drink", it isn't! Water your horse like "his life depends on it.....it VERY WELL MAY!!



Officer Debbie Ward investigates a report of Animal Neglect. Owners are reminded to provide Water, Food and adequate shelter.

### **THE ANIMALS CAN'T WAIT!**

Animals often suffer because citizens are afraid to report abuse or neglect. Often, these animals die needlessly. If you know of an animal being neglected, mistreated or abused, PLEASE give us a call, before it is too late. Your complaint will remain anonymous. Don't wait until it is too late to report animal cruelty. The animals can't wait...and their lives may depend on You!



### **LOVE THEM LICENSE THEM LEASH THEM**

In our world those things that mean a lot to us have some form of identification. For example: our children have birth certificates, our homes and cars have titles, and we have social security cards.

Pets can bring much joy and comfort and so they should have some identification as well. In Davis County it is a law that your dog should be licensed. This means paying a fee for the animal and then attaching the tag that comes with this purchase. With the purchase of this tag the dog is registered with the Davis County Animal Care and Control. How does this benefit the pet and the owner? The pet benefits simply because it cannot speak for itself. It has no way of telling the officer where it lives. It also gives a good citizen the means for calling Animal Control and then contacting the owner. The owner benefits when their animal is picked up and then returned to the home. Of course the owner or a family member must be home at the time. This saves worry, time looking for the animal and the gas used, and money. A dog or cat picked up and taken to the shelter has an impound fee of \$45.00 and a shelter fee of \$10.00 for every night it spends at the shelter.

With this in mind we strongly encourage you to license your dogs with Animal Care and Control. One of the greatest joys of Animal Control is reuniting pets with their owners. Remember, a Dog License is a "Phone call home for a dog without a Dime!"